

CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: PG:85A-44 (PACS 1.13) Construction Date: 1935

Name: Irving and Ruth C. Graham Property

Location: 13505 Brandywine Road, T.B. Vicinity, Prince George's County

Private/Private Residence/Occupied/Good/Restricted

Description:

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Significance:

— The Irving and Ruth C. Graham Property occupies Lots 5 through 8, 75 and 76 of William G. Becker's Littleworth subdivision. In 1928, William G. Becker of Washington, D.C. acquired from L.G. Sasscer the lands southwest of T.B.-Piscataway Road (now Floral Park Road) and Washington-T.B. State Road (now Brandywine Road). A subdivision plat, entitled "Littleworth," was filed in 1930. The Littleworth subdivision included 66 lots ranging in size from 50 X 100 feet to 58.4 acres. Only a few lots along Brandywine Road were ever developed. In 1934, Irving and Ruth C. Graham bought Lots 5 through 8, 28 through 32, 75 and 76 of the Littleworth subdivision. They remained at the property until 1939, building the residence in 1935. The property passed through several owners in the mid-twentieth century. The present-day property boundaries were established in 1958 when Lots 5 through 8, 75 and 76 were bought by Russell B. and Margaret C. Dix. The current owners, Robert K. and Eleanor G. Wise, acquired the property in 1976.

Preparer:
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September 1998

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Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form
MD 5 Brandywine Interchange

DOE ___yes ___no

1. Name: (indicate preferred name)

historic (preferred) Irving and Ruth C. Graham Property

and/or common Wise Property

2. Location:

street & number 13505 Brandywine Road

___ not for publication

city, town T.B. X vicinity of

congressional district

state

Maryland

county

Prince George's

3. Classification:

Category

___ district

X building(s)

___ structure

___ site

___ object

Ownership

___ public

X private

___ both

Public Acquisition

___ in process

___ being considered

X not applicable

Status

X occupied

___ unoccupied

___ work in progress

Accessible

X yes: restricted

___ yes: unrestricted

___ no

Present Use

___ agriculture

___ commercial

___ education

___ entertainment

___ government

___ industrial

___ military

___ transportation

___ museum

___ park

X private

___ residence

___ religious

___ scientific

___ other:

4. Owner of Property: (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Robert K. and Eleanor G. Wise

street & number 13505 Brandywine Road

telephone no.:

city, town Brandywine

state and zip code MD 20613

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records Office of Prince George's County

liber 4644

street & number Prince George's County Judicial Center

folio 57

city, town Upper Marlboro

state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date

___ federal

___ state

___ county

___ local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="radio"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="radio"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="radio"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Resource Count: 2

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Irving and Ruth C. Graham Property is located on the west side of Brandywine Road in the T.B. vicinity of Prince George's County. The property includes a 1½-story, 3-bay residence, constructed in 1935, and a workshop. The residence faces south and has a modern garage on the west elevation and an addition on the east elevation.

The residence has a concrete foundation and is covered in vinyl siding. The side-gable roof is covered in asphalt shingles and has a shallow, boxed cornice. Brick chimneys are located on the south elevation and in the center of the main block. The residence has a variety of modern windows. They include 6/6 double-hung, 4/4 double-hung, 4-light fixed-sash, and 10-light paired casement windows.

On the south elevation, a modern, wood-frame porch covers the eastern two-thirds of the main block. The porch has a front-gable roof supported by simple square posts. A simple wood rail surrounds the porch. Behind the porch, the main entry is located in the off-center middle bay. The modern door has a plain surround. A 6/6 double-hung window is located west of the door and paired, 10-light casement windows are located east of the door. The east addition has two small, 4 double-hung windows on this elevation. A brick chimney is located between the windows, and a gable dormer is located at the attic level. A 1-story hyphen connected to a modern garage extends from the west end of the residence. The hyphen has a half-glass door on this elevation. The garage has a front-gable roof and double garage doors.

The garage has no fenestration on the west elevation. The main block has a 4/4 double-hung window on each side of the hyphen and a 6/6 double-hung window in the gable.

On the north elevation, the garage has three evenly-spaced, 4-light, fixed-sash windows. The hyphen has one 4-light, fixed sash window. The main block has paired, 4/4 double-hung windows, a small 4/4 double-hung window and paired 10-light casement windows. A 6/6 double-hung window and a gable dormer are located on the east addition.

An enclosed gabled entry porch with a modern door projects from the center of the east elevation. Paired 6/6 double-hung windows are located south of the door, while a single 6/6 double-hung window is located north of the door. A single 6/6 double-hung window is also located in the gable.

A workshop is located southwest of the house. The 1½-story, 1-bay workshop has vertical vinyl siding and a gambrel roof covered in corrugated metal. On the west elevation, the workshop has double batten doors on the first story and 2/2 hopper windows on the second story. The south elevation has two plate-glass windows, each flanked by 4/4 double-hung windows. Sliding glass doors are located on the second story of the east elevation.

The Irving and Ruth C. Graham Property is located in a rural area northwest of the village of 3. The property is approached by a gravel drive leading from Brandywine Road. The large lot is partially wooded and partially open.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archaeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)	

Specific dates 1935

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or
Applicable Exceptions: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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The Irving and Ruth C. Graham Property is located northwest of the village of T.B. T.B. is located at the junction of two pre-Revolutionary roads. One road connected the port at Piscataway to southeastern Prince George's County along the Patuxent River; the other connected St. John's Church at Accokeek with Upper Marlboro. A later road, cut in the mid-nineteenth century, led directly south from T.B. into Charles County (MHT, PG:85A-33). The stagecoach from Washington, D.C. stopped regularly at T.B. during the nineteenth century (Community Renewal Program 1974, 414). Local tradition holds that the name "T.B." was taken from an early boundary marker placed at the division line between the lands of the William Townshend family on the west and the Brooke family on the east (MHT, PG:85A-33). Other sources state that the initials stand for Major Thomas Brooke of the British militia. In 1664, Brooke received a patent for a 2,530 acre tract, known as Brookefield, in this area (Martin 1969).

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8. Significance (Continued)

The first store at the crossroads known as T.B. was constructed circa 1830 by the Tomlin family. After the Civil War, A.W. Marlow opened a second store (PG:85A-14). In 1862, a merchant and farmer named J. Eli Huntt moved to T.B. Huntt bought the Tomlin and Marlow properties and opened his own business in the Marlow store. Huntt also brought a blacksmith and physician into the village. When the village population peaked at 150 in the late 1880s, the community included schools for black and white children, two nearby Methodist churches, two blacksmith's shops, two undertakers, two general stores and two doctors. (MHT, PG:85A-33).

T.B. was in danger of decline by the end of the nineteenth century. During the 1870s and 1880s, both the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad and the Southern Maryland and Point Lookout Railroad had bypassed T.B. in favor of the village of Brandywine, located two miles to the east. Businesses and other activities favored this location, and T.B. remained a small, crossroads village serving only local farmers and travelers. William G. Becker tried to develop the "Littleworth" subdivision northwest of T.B. during the 1930s, however only a few lots were ever developed. Several dwellings were constructed around the periphery of the village between 1930 and 1950. In 1927, the Governor Crain Highway, now Route 301, was constructed along a new alignment immediately east of T.B. In 1950 Maryland Route 5, which formerly followed Brandywine Road north of T.B. and Old Brandywine Road south of T.B., was moved to a new alignment immediately east of Brandywine Road. Although Route 5 did not result in extensive demolition, T.B. failed quickly after its construction (MHT, PG:85A-33).

The Irving and Ruth C. Graham Property is an example of a vernacular residence. Between 1870 and 1940 vernacular residences were typically built for Americans of modest means. Vernacular residences are characterized by simple ornamentation and mass-produced components, such as door frames, moldings, sash and window units, and porch decoration. The development of post Civil War machinery capable of producing large amounts of standardized housing elements, such as those found in vernacular residences, contributed greatly to the development of the modern American housing industry. Designs for vernacular residences were obtained from popular magazines, such as House Beautiful, or carpenter's and builder's journals, such as American Builder. A variety of front-gable, side-gable, cross-gable and hipped roof frame vernacular residences were developed in the early- to mid-twentieth century. Front-gable and hipped roof vernacular residences are primarily 1- to 1½-stories tall, 3-bays wide and several rooms deep. Side-gable and cross-gable structures are usually 1- to 2½-stories tall, are typically 2- to 3-bays in width and vary from 1- to 3-rooms deep. They usually include a porch covered with a shed roof. Porches are supported by posts often containing machine-produced Victorian ornamentation. Some vernacular residences feature ornamentation drawn from the Craftsman style, Colonial Revival or Tudor Revival architecture (Gottfried and Jennings 1988: viii-xv).

Vernacular residential building forms were constructed throughout the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. The earliest vernacular residences were usually 2-stories in height and resembled the I-house in form. However, the structures lacked the center-hall plan or fenestration pattern of the I-house. Later residences are predominantly 1-story, front- and side-gable structures. Vernacular residences often have features extracted from other styles. Depending on the fashionable style of the time, the residence can have Queen Anne, Bungalow, Colonial Revival or Tudor Revival influences.

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National Register Evaluation:

Constructed in 1935, the Irving and Ruth C. Graham Property is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state, or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. It is not eligible under Criterion C, as it is a common type of which better examples exist. Mid-twentieth century vernacular residences exist in great numbers in the region. Also, the additions and the replacement of siding materials, windows and doors have compromised the integrity of the property. Finally, the structure has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore is not eligible under Criterion D.

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Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility Not Recommended X
 Comments _____

Reviewer, OPS: Oliver Date: 12/8/98
 Reviewer, NR Program: Bentley Date: 12/18/98

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Attached

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____
Quadrangle name Piscataway Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

state code county code

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposed only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Martin, M.W. 1969. Home Is a Place Called 76. Baltimore Sun, 27 July. Maryland Historical Society. Vertical Files. "T.B., Prince George's County."

Maryland Historical Trust (MHT). 1986. Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form. Tee Bee, Prince George's County, Maryland. PG:85A-33. Crownsville, MD.

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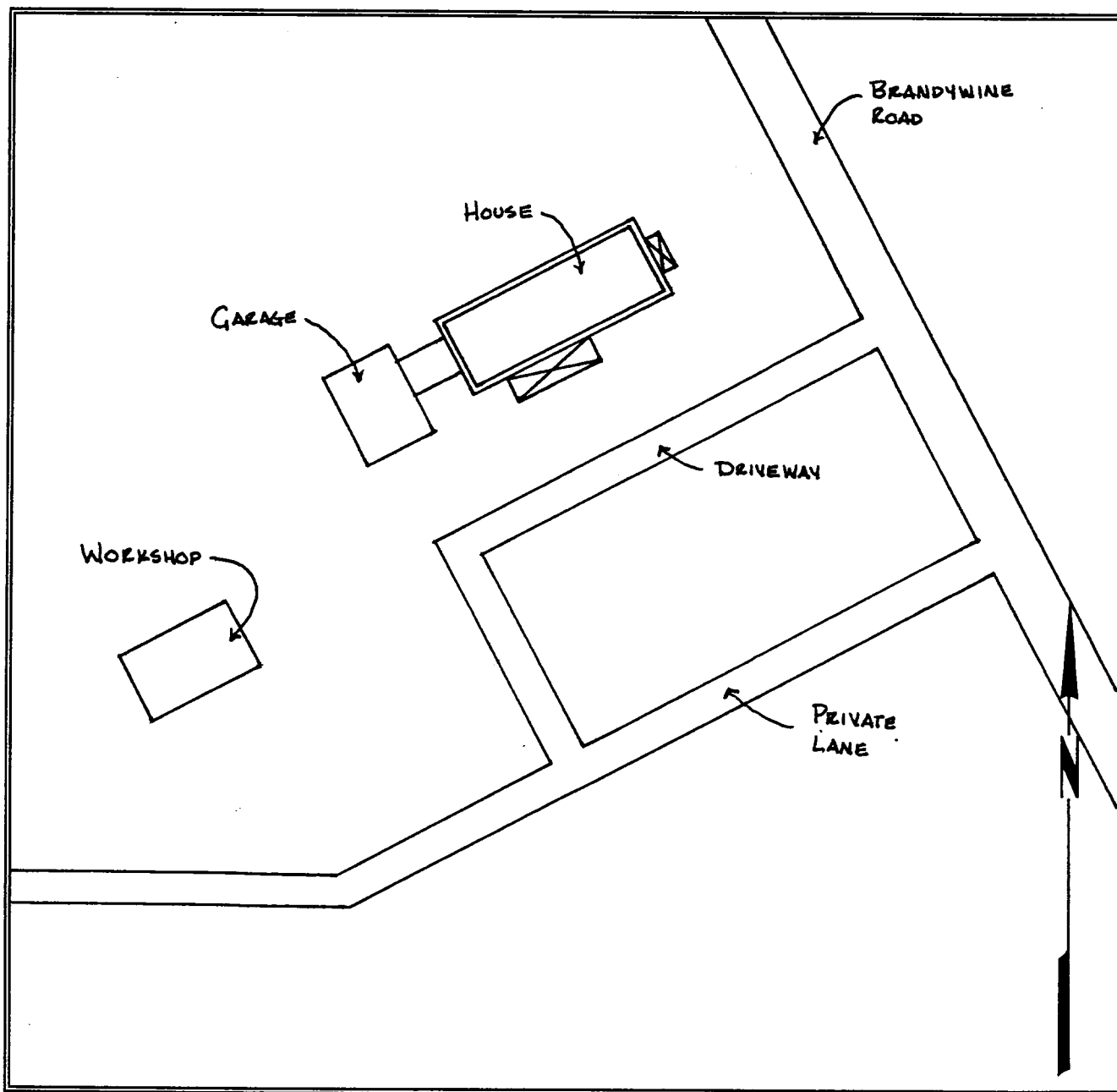
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Resource Sketch Map:



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Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet

Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

Modern Period A.D. 1930 - Present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Building

Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural):

Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Private Residence

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

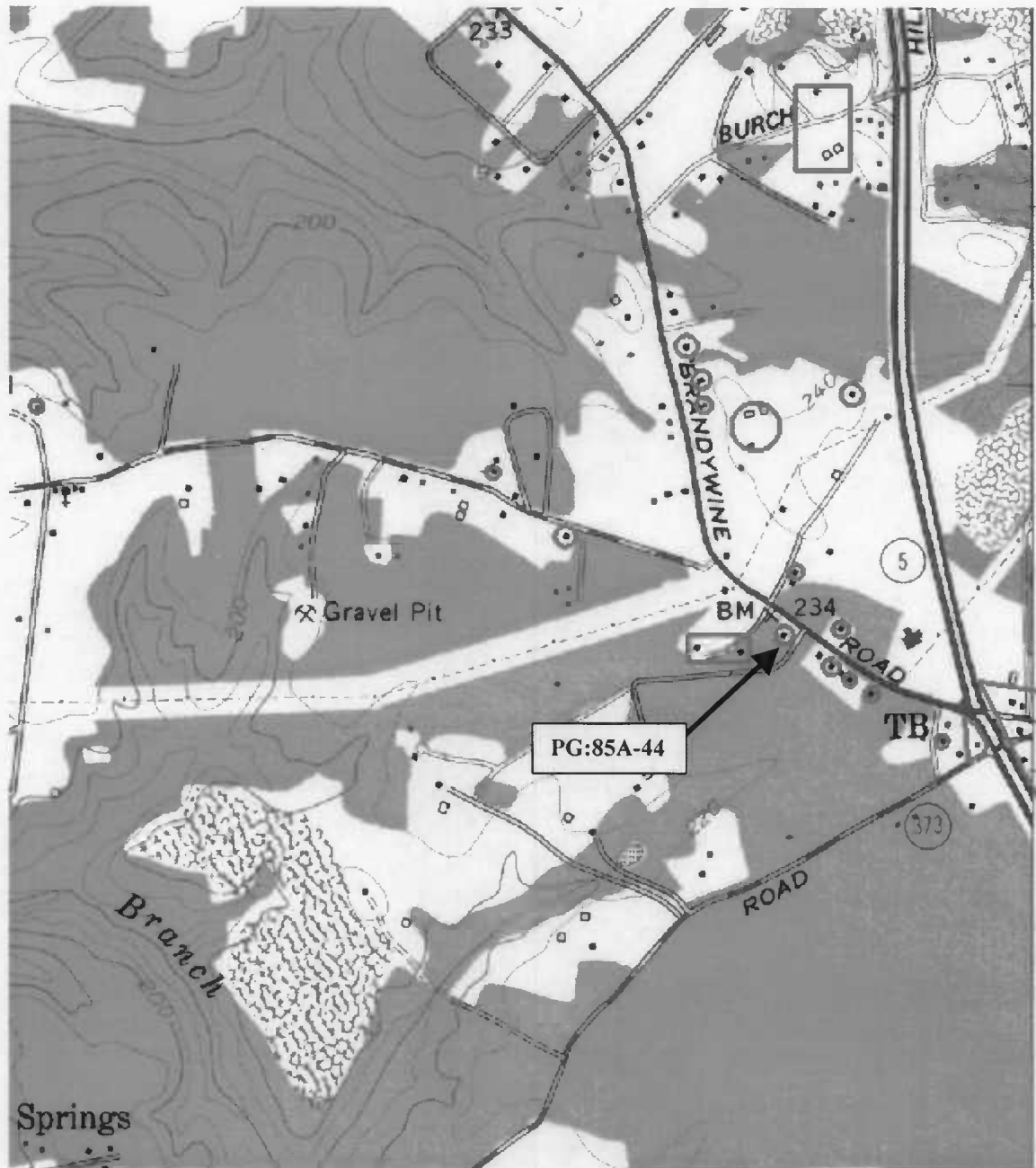
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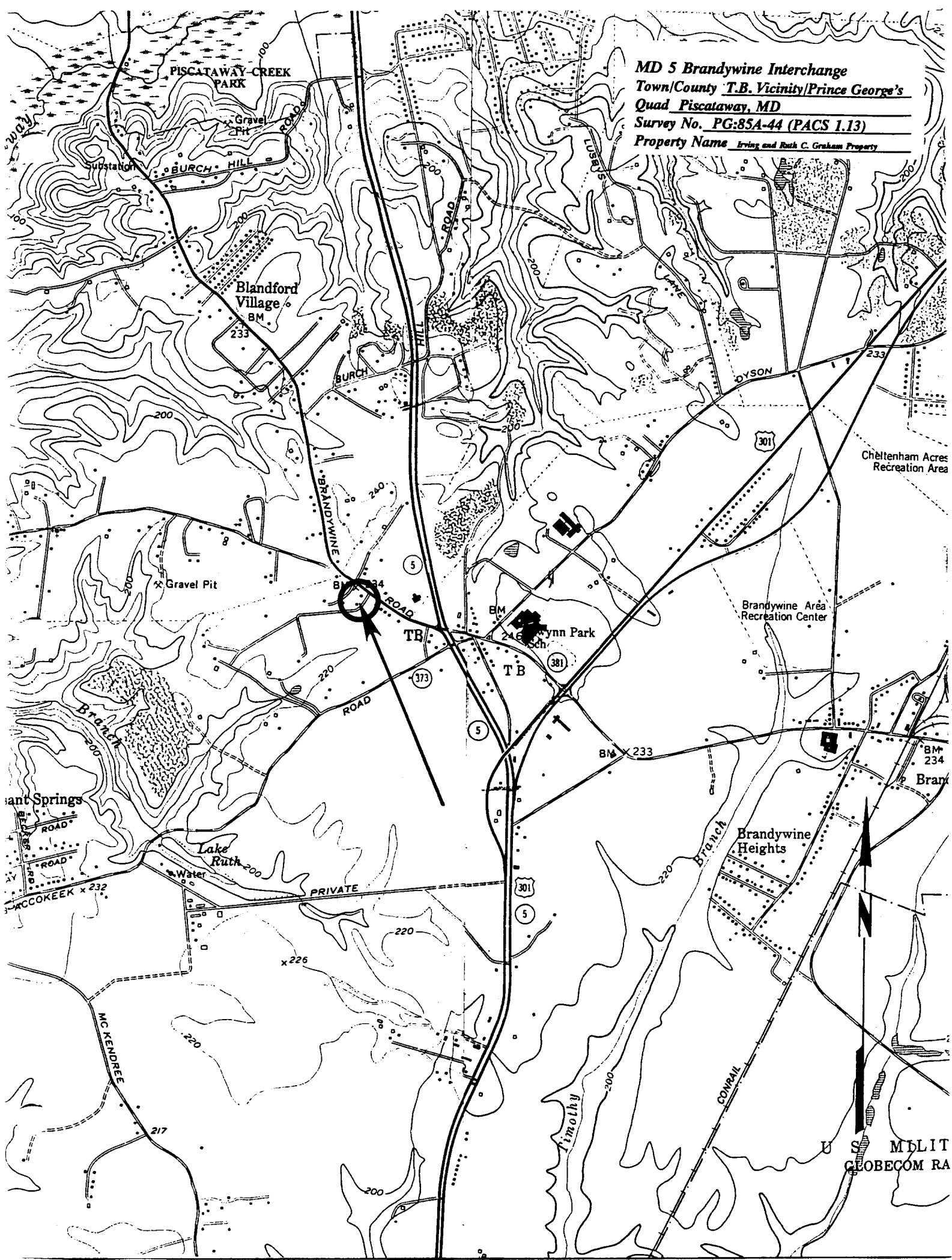
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PG:85A-44
Irving & Ruth C. Graham Property
(Wise Property)
13505 Brandywine Road (MD 381)
Piscataway quadrangle



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Quad Piscataway, MD
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